that has caused much inconvenience particularly to the tribals living in the area; and

(b) by when the train is likely to resume service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Due to subversive activities on track etc.

(b) One of the 2 pairs of trains has already been restored with restricted speed.

धल्ली राजहारा जगदलपुर (मध्य प्रदेश) रेल लाइन की लागत

1815. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या रेल यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर में धल्ली-राजहारा-जगदलपुर रेल लाइन बिछाने की परियोजना लागत कितनी आयी है तथा वर्तमान में वह कार्य किस चरण में है; और

(ख) इस रेल लाइन का प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा कब उद्घाटन किया गया था?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका): (क) ढल्ली राजहरा-जगदलपुर लाइन की अनुमानित लागत 363 करोड़ रुपए हैं प्रस्ताव 11.11.93 को अनुमोदन के लिए योजना आयोग को भेजा गया है।

(ख) इस लाइन के निर्माण का अभी उद्घाटन नहीं हुआ है।

Encroachment on Railway land

1816. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated areas of railway land which is under illegal occupation/unutilised, zone-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to exploit the Railway land commercially; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken so far by Government to get the encroachment on the land vacated and the manner in which the land is proposed to be commercially utilised stating the estimated revenue that might accrue as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The details are as under:

Zone	Area	
	Under Encroachment (in Hectares)	Unutilised
Central	70.27	9,427
Eastern	84.90	10,262
Northern	655.06	1,657
North Eastern	221.14	1,518
Northeast Frontier	293.00	8,037
Southern	145.72	2,995
South Central	71.27	9,460
South Eastern	101.30	13,521
Western	125.21	4,380
TOTAL:	1767.87	61,527

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Railways proposal for commercial utilisation is restricted to the development of air space over the Railway property. An accurate assessment of the likely revenue can be done only after the Government's decision on Railways proposal. For removal of encroachments, action is taken under the provisions of Public Promises (Eviction of Unauthorised occupants) Act, 1971 on a continous basis.

Contracts for earthwork at new Mulund Bombay

1817. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Container Corporation of India Limited have invited tenders for earthwork at New

Mulund (East) Bombay recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of parties which had participated in the bid with details of their quotations;

(c) whether Government have received several complaints of not awarding the contract to the lowest Biddings causing loss of revenue to the company which is in several lakhs; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken to stop work so as to give the work to the technically fit and lowest Bidders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of parties which had participated and amount quoted are indicated below:

1.	M/s Subash Construction Co. Dombivli	Rs. 1,50,80,000.00
2.	Sh. R.G. Gangwani, Ulhasnagar.	Rs. 1,25,17,400.00
3.	M/s Navbharat Construction Co, Vikhroli	Rs. 1,35,75,500.00
4.	Sh. C.B. Shah, Kalyan	Rs. 1,10,60,156.25
5.	M/s Mahavir Construction, Andheri	Rs. 1,00,75,000.00
6.	M/s Maruti Civil Works, Nerual.	Rs. 79,35,000.09

M/s surbhi enterprises and M/s. Anupam Builders had also participated but their quotations were not opened as they were not considered suitable on the basis of their techno-commercial offer.

(c) and (d) Only one complaint was received from M/s Anupam Builders. Since the tender was awarded to the lowest eligible tenderer, there is no question of revenue loss to Company.

Howrah-Delhi-Poorva Express

1818. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for detaching A.C.I. coach from Patna in Howrah-Delhi-Poorva Express;

(b) whether there is any proposal to reattach A.C.I. Coach to this train;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (d) Poorva Express has been provided with new Air brake type of stock and composite I AC coach now being turned out by Integral Coach Factory will be provided shortly.

Computerised Booking system and counters of Major Cities in India

1819. DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the major cities in India the Railways have computerised Booking System and Counters

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a great demand to have these Booking Counters at the Airport Terminals for the convenience of the travelling public in all major cities;

(c) if so, what is Government's response in this regard; and

(d) by when this facility would be provided at both the domestic and international terminals of the four metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Only a few requests have been received.

(c) and (d) Railway had provided manual reservation counters at a few major Airports but due to poor utilization, this facility was withdrawn except at Calcutta. As such the provision of PRS terminals which deal with larger reservation volume, does not appear to be justified.